MEMO

TO:

Administration Committee and Regional Council

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Request Authorization to Execute Cooperative Relationship Agreement between SCAG

and Seoul Development Institute to Promote Joint Research, Exchange Technical

Information, and Exchange Research Personnel.

DATE:

September 4, 2003

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize staff to execute cooperative relationship agreement between SCAG and Seoul Development Institute (SDI) to promote joint research, exchange technical information, and exchange research personnel.

BACKGROUND:

At the July RC meeting, a possible cooperative relationship between SCAG and SDI was approved. Staff developed a draft cooperative relationship agreement for approval (see the attachment).

SDI technical staff will be assigned to participate in mutually beneficial SCAG projects. SDI technical staff will be able to learn the state of the art planning practice during his/her active participation as a team member. SCAG will benefit from having additional staff resources to complete the project.

If the agreement is approved by the Administration Committee and Regional Council, Dr. Yong-Ho Baek, the president of SDI, wishes to visit SCAG to sign the agreement in late September 2003.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact except for cost of office space for visiting research personnel. No projects requiring fiscal outlays by SCAG are currently planned. Should such projects be planned in the future, staff will obtain all appropriate approvals and budget actions prior to spending or committing funds.

Agreement Points:

Cooperative Relationship Agreement between Southern California Association of Governments and Seoul Development Institute

- Purpose: Mutual cooperation in research and training activities and the interchange of research personnel and information.
- Scope of work: The full range of urban and regional planning issues including methodologies, analytical approaches, organizational roles and responsibilities, etc.
- Technical information to be exchanged: Primarily related to the acquisition, management and utilization of data for planning; transportation modeling; GIS, etc.
- Mutual indemnity: Visiting research personnel will be insured by the visiting party.
- No cost to SCAG: No fiscal impact except for cost of office space and adequate equipment for visiting research personnel.
- Expiration of the agreement: The agreement shall expire 90 days after one of the parties requests termination of the agreement.

"DRAFT" COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

between

Seoul Development Institute

and

Southern California Association of Governments

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2. Joint Seminars and Workshops

Both parties shall promote joint seminars and workshops in order to facilitate forums for scholarly discourse.

Subjects, speakers, expenses and other matters shall be decided after mutual consideration

3. Exchange of Technical Information and Publications

Both parties shall exchange without charge, technical information in the form of reports, periodicals, and books.

4. Effective Period of the Agreement

The agreement made herein shall be valid and effective from the date of signing.

The agreement made herein shall expire three months after either one of the parties requests termination of the agreement.

In witness whereof, each of the organizations hereto has caused the AGREEMENT OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP to be executed in duplicate by its duly authorized officer, and retains one (1) each of the duplicate texts having equal authenticity.

Seoul Development Institute

Southern California Association of Governments

by
Yong-Ho Baek, President

Mark Pisano, Executive Director

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